

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second paragraph on page 17, continuing onto page 18 with the following amended paragraph:

Figure 3 is a graph showing ~~logarithms of~~ expression quantities with respect to a plurality of genes, which expression quantities have been obtained for a first sample in a second embodiment of the method of normalizing gene expression data in accordance with the present invention, and ~~the logarithms of~~ the expression quantities with respect to the plurality of the genes, which expression quantities have been obtained for a second sample in the second embodiment of the method of normalizing gene expression data in accordance with the present invention. In Figure 3, a horizontal axis 6 represents the gene expression quantities obtained for the first sample, and a vertical axis 7 represents the gene expression quantities obtained for the second sample. With respect to a gene, whose expression has been measured for both the first sample and the second sample with the micro array technique, the gene expression quantity obtained for the first sample may be measured as being x, and the gene expression quantity obtained for the second sample may be measured as being y. In such cases, the gene expression quantity obtained for the first sample and the gene expression quantity obtained for the second sample are indicated with plotted points 9, 9, ... on the coordinate system having the horizontal axis 6 and the vertical axis 7.